

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A carrier for a developer for developing an electrostatic image, comprising core particles having a weight average particle diameter of 48 to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ , and a resin layer comprising a crosslinked silicone resin;

wherein said resin layer covers each of said core particles and comprises carbon particles thoroughly dispersed therein; and

wherein said carbon particles have a number average particle diameter of 0.01-0.1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): A carrier as claimed in claim 1, wherein said carrier has a weight average particle diameter of 25-65  $\mu\text{m}$  and such a particle diameter distribution that that portion of said carrier having a particle diameter of less than 37  $\mu\text{m}$  but no less than 26  $\mu\text{m}$  accounts for 1-60 % of a total weight of said carrier.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A carrier as claimed in claim 1, wherein said carrier has a weight average particle diameter of 35-60  $\mu\text{m}$  and such a particle diameter distribution that that portion of said carrier having a particle diameter of less than 37  $\mu\text{m}$  but no less than 26  $\mu\text{m}$  accounts for 10-50 % of a total weight of said carrier.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A carrier as claimed in claim 1, wherein said carrier has a specific resistance of  $10^9$ - $10^{15} \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ .

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A carrier as claimed in claim 1, wherein said carrier has an induced magnetic moment of 40-85 emu/g in an applied magnetic field of 1 KOe.

Claim 6 (Original): A developer for developing an electrostatic image, comprising a dry toner, and a carrier according to claim 1.

Claims 7-10 (Cancelled).

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A developer for developing an electrostatic image as claimed in claim 6, wherein said carrier has a weight average particle diameter of 35-60  $\mu\text{m}$  and such a particle diameter distribution that that portion of said carrier having a particle diameter of less than 37  $\mu\text{m}$  but no less than 26  $\mu\text{m}$  accounts for 10-50 % of a total weight of said carrier.

Claim 12 (Cancelled).

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A developer for developing an electrostatic image as claimed in claim 6, wherein said toner comprises a binder resin and a coloring agent.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A developer for developing an electrostatic image as claimed in claim 13, wherein the binder resin comprises a thermoplastic resin.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A developer for developing an electrostatic image as claimed in claim 13, wherein the binder resin comprises a polymer which comprises a monomer which is selected from the group consisting of a styrene, a vinyl ester, an  $\alpha$ -methylene aliphatic monocarboxylic acid ester, an acrylonitrile, a methacrylonitrile, an acrylamide, a vinyl ether, a vinyl ketone, a N-vinyl compound, and combinations thereof.

Claims 16-18 (Cancelled).

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): A developer for developing an electrostatic image as claimed in claim 6, wherein the toner has a weight average particle diameter that ranges from 4.0 - 7.5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): A developer for developing an electrostatic image as claimed in claim 6, wherein the toner is present in an amount of 0.5 to 15% by weight based on a total weight of the toner and the carrier.